

## Message Text

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R 261156Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY LONDON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6535  
INFO ALL EC CAPITALS

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ENRG, EEC, UK  
SUBJECT: MAY 30 EC ENERGY COUNCIL

REF: BRUSSELS 10152

1. WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT U.K. ENERGY SECRETARY BENN HAS, IF ANYTHING, STRENGTHENED HIS OPPOSITION TO THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS ON OIL REFINERY ACTIVITIES. DURING SUBJECT MEETING, HE IS EXPECTED TO SAY THE PROPOSAL (EVEN AS CONTAINED IN THE DANISH COMPROMISE) IS NOT THE CORRECT APPROACH AND IS NOT WELL CONCEIVED. HE WILL ALSO ADD THAT IT IS NOT RIGHT FOR THE EC TO CARTELIZE REFINING ACTIVITIES.

2. BENN HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR HIS POSITION FROM UNIONS IN THE U.K. AND FROM U.S.-HEADQUARTERED COMPANIES. APPARENTLY SHELL, DESPITE THEIR MILDLY SUPPORTIVE-TO-NEUTRAL VIEW OF THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSALS, HAS NOT PRESSED BENN TO CHANGE HIS STAND. ONLY BP HAS  
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SHOWN ENTHUSIASM FOR THE PROPOSALS, AND THEIR REPRESENTATIONS TO BENN ON THE MATTER REPORTEDLY HAVE COME TO NAUGHT. MEANWHILE, THE U.K. ANTICIPATES SUPPORT FROM THE FRG AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL.

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